meeting of the Committee for the opening of the water-way to Kunnamkulam from Mr. K. Mani Verghese, the Convener to the Committee;

(b) whether the alignment of the canal has been finally settled;

(c) whether the consideration of straightening the alignment is over; and if so,

(d) whether any communication since answering question No. 334 on 14th March last, has been sent to the Madras Government; and if so,

(e) whether a copy of the communication will be printed and placed on the table;

(f) whether any reply has been received from the Government of Madras; and if so,

(g) what is the reply received;

(h) if the answer to sub-division (c) is in the negative, when was the last communication from the Madras Government received?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) No. Copy of the communication cannot be given.

(f) No.

(g) and (h) Do not arise in view of answers given above.

Payment of allowance to the Diwan Peishkar.

21. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the allowance to the Diwan Peishkar provided in this year's budget has been paid to him up-to-date;

(2) if so, when was it paid;

(3) if not, what are the reasons for the delay in disbursing it;

(4) when was the Diwan's order granting the allowance of Rs. 100 a month passed?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:—(1) No.

(2) This question does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (1) above.

(3) Government have not sanctioned the allowance.

(4) Final orders sanctioning the allowance have not been passed.

Segregation of lepers.

22. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether they are aware that a large number of the lepers are exposing themselves in public streets for begging for alms;

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(2) what steps, if any, they have taken to prevent this practice?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao:— (1) Yes.

(2) There is no law in force within this State for the compulsory segregation of lepers nor is there adequate accommodation in the Asylum to admit all vagrant lepers.

Representation—Ceylon Malayali Mahajana Sabha.

23. Mr. K. T. Mathew:— Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether the Diwan has received a copy of the Memorial submitted early in 1935 to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon by the Ceylon Malayali Mahajana Sabha representing the Malayalees residing in Ceylon; and if so

(b) what action has been taken in reference to it?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— (a) The Diwan received a copy of the resolution submitted by the Ceylon Malayali Mahajana Sabha to His Excellency the Governor of Ceylon.

(b) It was taken to the notice of the Government of India with a request that necessary action may be taken to protect the interests of the State subjects domiciled in Ceylon.

Mr. Kattapuram Verghese as Panchayat Overseer.

24. Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the late Diwan, Mr. Herbert, had recommended a suspension to Mr. Kattappuram Verghese when he was appointed as the Panchayat Overseer;

(b) what became of that file against him afterwards?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— (a) and (b) Government are not prepared to disclose what recommendations were made by the Diwan to His Highness the Maharaja.

Liabilities of the retiring Co-operative Registrar.

25. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the retiring Co-operative Registrar has any further liabilities to clear to the Government;

(b) what steps or arrangements Government have made or intend making to make good the same, if any?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar:— (a) Yes.

(b) The balance amount that will be due from Mr. Gayathrinatha Ayyar, after the expiry of his leave, will be recovered from his pension.

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